

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A cooking apparatus including:

a base with an interior combustion chamber therein, the combustion chamber having an inner side wall and an outer side wall spaced from one another to define an insulating zone containing insulating material, the combustion chamber including a dish for combustible material concentrically arranged within the combustion chamber and having side walls which are inwardly spaced from the inner side wall of the combustion chamber so that an upwardly directed open annular trough is defined between the side walls of the dish and the inner side wall of the combustion chamber; and

wherein the base further includes an upper section and a lower section with an annular air inlet defined between the upper and lower sections to allow air flow into the combustion chamber, the upper section and lower section being spaced from one another to ~~form an air reservoir between the upper section of the base and the lower section of the base,~~ wherein a portion of the insulating material in the insulating zone and the lower section of the base defines an air reservoir in fluid communication with the air inlet.

Claim 23 (Cancelled).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The cooking apparatus according to claim 22, including a closure member arranged to be seated on the base, the closure member at least partially defining a cooking chamber heated by the combustible material and including an inner reflective surface which enhances reflection of heat.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 22, in which the base includes insulating material within an interior of ~~both the upper section and lower section, wherein the insulating material in both the insulation zone and the lower section of the base~~ to insulates the upper and lower sections against heat radiating from the combustible material in the dish.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 25, in which the reflective surface is defined by an inner metal surface of the closure member.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 26, in which the ~~base includes~~ insulating material in the base ~~which~~ at least partially defines the combustion chamber for holding the combustible material.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 27, in which the ~~combustion chamber includes holding means for~~ dish ~~holding~~ the combustible material.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 28, in which the ~~holding means is in the form of a metal dish~~ is made from metal and which is seated in a bottom opening of the insulating material in the upper section of the base.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 29, in which the dish is circular in outline and includes a lower circular ring section in which a plurality of apertures is defined.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 30, in which ~~the base includes~~ said outer side wall defines a frame within which insulating material is mounted and which forms part of ~~an~~ the upper section of the base.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 31, in which the frame is a hollow circular cylindrical ~~frame~~ shaped and the lower section is circular in lateral section and attached to an operatively lower end of the frame.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 32, in which the lower section is shaped and dimensioned so as at least partially to define ~~an~~ the air reservoir below the combustion chamber.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 33, in which the lower section of the base includes a lower frame ~~and~~having insulating material for insulating the lower section from heat radiating from the ~~holding means~~ dish.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 34, in which ~~an~~ the air reservoir is defined between the insulating material in the lower and upper sections and the ~~holding means~~ dish.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 35, in which the lower section includes a glass fibre mat provided on an upper surface of the insulating material in the lower section.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 36, in which the upper section of the base includes a heat reflective insert which defines a seat in which the ~~holding means~~ dish is seated and which also defines a wall of the combustion chamber.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 37, in which the insulating material is shaped and dimensioned to receive the reflective insert and insulate the reflective insert from the frame.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 38, in which the closure member is in the form of a dome and includes a plurality of ventilation apertures and a handle.

Response Under 37 CFR §1.116
Expedited Procedure, Examining Group 3700
Application No. 10/089,247
Paper Dated: October 1, 2004
In Reply to USPTO Correspondence of June 2, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 1918-020512

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 39, which includes a metal grille or grid which is located in use between the combustion chamber and the cooking chamber.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 40, in which the grille is in the form of a stainless steel disc which is circular in outline and includes a substantial number of apertures or bores.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The cooking apparatus as claimed in claim 41, in which the grille is dimensioned so that it may be seated on the reflective insert and the bores are arranged in rings or groups having increasing radii.